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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TIMING OF NEXT TALKS WITH SWAPO

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES LUSAKA'S CONCERNS (LUSAKA 2761) THAT
WE NOT APPROACH THE FRONT-LINE STATES TOO OFTEN WITH
REQUESTS THAT THEY WEIGH IN WITH SWAPO ON POINTS OF
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INTEREST TO CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS. HOWEVER, ISSUE OF
TIMING OF NEXT MEETINGS WITH SWAPO IS, IN DEPT'S VIEW,
OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR REASONS STATED REFTTEL.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, USUN SHOULD RAISE ISSUE AT NEXT
MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP AND PROPOSE THAT EMBASSIES
OF CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS IN FRONT-LINE STATES AND LAGOS

BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPROACH ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
(FYI. WE BELIEVE THAT NIGERIA AND TANZANIA ARE KEY
POINTS FOR APPLYING PRESSURE ON SWAPO, AND WE BELIEVE
THAT APPROACHES IN LAGOS AND DAR SHOULD BE AT HIGHEST
LEVEL AVAILABLE. END FYI.)

3. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS:

A) WE ARE MOVING AHEAD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH OUR EFFORTS

TO DEVELOP AN AGREED BASIS FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

B) AS YOU KNOW, THE SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL
FOR NAMIBIA, JUSTICE STEYN, OFFICIALLY ASSUMES HIS
DUTIES OCTOBER 1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE
TO DELAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS
PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA MUCH BEYOND OCTOBER 1. RECENT
STATEMENTS BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND JUDGE
STEYN INDICATE THAT MOVEMENT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO
AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS.

C) DURING THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS, THE CONTACT GROUP
INTENDS TO ENTER INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE SCENARIO FOR
NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. WE AIM TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS
BETWEEN SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA ON THE TIMETABLE FOR
SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA, ON THE
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INTRODUCTION AND FUNCTIONS OF A UN PRESENCE, ON THE
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FREE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE,
AND ON A TIMETABLE LEADING UP TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

D) WE BELIEVE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP
AND THE MOST INTERESTED AFRICAN STATES HAVE A COMMON
INTEREST IN ACHIEVING NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT
VIOLENCE AND WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME. THE
SUPPORT THUS FAR OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES HAS BEEN
VERY IMPORTANT IN MOVING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THEIR
PRESENT STATUS, AND WE LOOK TO THE CONTINUED SUPPORT
OF THE INTERESTED AFRICAN STATES IN THE MORE COMPLEX
AND SUBSTANTIVE TALKS TO COME.

E) MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO
MEET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS IN PRETORIA (FILL
IN DATES). TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE TALKS AND
TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH AFRICANS, WE BELIEVE IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH SWAPO
FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE TALKS IN PRETORIA.
OTHERWISE, SOUTH AFRICANS WILL BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL
BASIS FOR CLAIMING THAT THEY ARE BEING REASONABLE AND

SWAPO IS DELAYING.

F) WHILE IN PARIS, NUJOMA INDICATED THAT SWAPO WILL
BE READY TO TALK ONLY BEGINNING OCTOBER 12. WE BELIEVE
YOU WILL AGREE THAT OUR COMMON INTEREST IN MOVING AHEAD
WITH THE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE PROCESS REQUIRES EARLIER
TALKS BETWEEN THE CONTACT GROUP AND SWAPO. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING YOUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT
TO SWAPO AND SUGGESTING THAT SWAPO, WITH NUJOMA,

USE THE OCCASION OF THE CONTACT GROUP NEGOTIATING
TEAM'S PRESENCE IN AFRICA TO ARRANGE FOR DISCUSSIONS
(FILL IN DATES) AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE CITY IN
AFRICA.

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